(c) the number of complaints received in regard to this telephone network during last two years; and

(d) the efforts made by the Government for ensuring the proper functioning of telephones in said district and the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b). The telephone network in Cuttack district is functioning properly. Utilisation of exchange capacities is 84%.

(c) Total number of complaints 1327 received during last two years.

(d) Efforts are made by constant monitoring from Circle Headquarter and periodical review by telecom. district head/subdivisional heads for proper functioning of telephone network in Cuttak district. Present performance is satisfactory.

[English]

Crime Graph in Delhi

640. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an alarming increase in the crime graph in Delhi in the recent past including increase in the cases of dowry deaths, bride burning, kidnapping etc;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) the number of such cases registered by Delhi Police during the period from July to October, 1991 and how does the same compare with the cases registered during the same period in the last two years;

(d) how many of the registered cases are pending and reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken to check the increase in the crimes against women and to tone up the working style of the Delhi Police?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Notification Postponing Elections In Delhi

641. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) when the last elections for Delhi Metropolitan Council and Municipal Corporation were held and the tenure thereof;

(b) the number of times notification was issued by the Government for postponing elections for these bodies;

(c) the reasons for postponing the elections for the local bodies of Delhi time and again; and

(d) the time by which elections for these bodies are likely to be held?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a)to (d). The last elections to the Metropolitan Council were held on 5. 2. 1983. The term of the Council was to expire on 16.3.1988. On 24.12.1987, the term of the Council was extended for a peric d of one year on the ground that the reorganisation of Delhi set-up was under consideration. The period was further extended by one year on 9.1.1989 on the same ground. On the basis of a report from the Administrator, Delhi, the President suspended for a period of 4 months from 13.1.1990 the operation of certain provisions of the Delhi Administration Act, 1966 and dissolved the Metropolitan Council of Delhi. The period of suspension of the operation of these provisions of the Delhi

Administration Act, 1966 has been extended five times and the extended period of to expire on 12.12.1991.

The elections to the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) were last held in February, 1983. The four year term of the MCD was to expire on 7.2.1987. On 2.1.1987, the term of the MCD was extended by one year on the ground that the elections to the Metropolitan Council Delhi and the MCD should be held simultaneously. This period was further extended on 24.12.1987 till 7.2.1989. On 9.1.1989 the term was further extended by one year on the ground that the question of reorganisation of Delhi set-up was under consideration. On 6.1.1990, the MCD was superseded for a period of 4 months on the ground that the MCD had presistently made defaults in the performance of the duties imposed under the Delhi Municipal Corporation Act, 1957. This period of supersession has been extended five times and the extended period of supersession is to expire on 5.12.1991.

No decision has been taken to hold elections to these two bodies.

[*Translation*]

Bomb Explosions During October-November, 1991

642. SHRI MADAN LAL KHURANA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents of bomb explosions that took place in various parts of the country during the festival seasons of Ramlila Dusshera, and Diwali i.e from October to November 1991;

(b) the details of such incidents, Statewise; and

(c) the number of such incidents districtwise in which involvement of terrorists is suspected;

(d) the number of persons killed and injured in these incidents; and

(e) the number of persons arrested in connection with these incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (e). The information is being obtained from the State Government/Union Territory Administrations and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[*English*]

Recommendations of Sarkaria Commission

643. SHRI MADAL LAL KHURANA:
SHRI DIGVIJAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had constituted 'Sarkaria Commission' to recommend the future administrative set up of Delhi;

(b) if so, when the commission submitted its report and the main recommendations made therein and the recommendations accepted by the Government;

(c) the Government view point about the future set up of Delhi; and

(d) by what time the new administrative set up is likely to be introduced in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (d). A Committee on Reorganisation of Delhi Set-up was constituted on 24. 12. 1987 under the Chairmanship of Justice R.S. Sarkaria. The Committee submitted its report on 14th December, 1989. After considering the report of the Committee, the Constitution (72nd Amendment) Bill, 1990 was introduced in the Lok Sabha